

will therefore cannot prove the same therefore
it was ordered by the Court that the said last will
testament be admitted to probate and recorded.

George Gray etc

In the name of God Amen I Robert Gray first
of St. Luke County in the State of North Carolina,
being very sick in body but of perfect mind &
memory do hereby certify the following last will &
testament—

I My wife & children, that I have been & am
to be the possessor of George's land on the
South side of Beane's run, which I have made
sure to him by indent of Deft. I also give & bequeath
to my son & daughter Thomas & Mary & to
them and to their heirs & assigns the north side of Beane's
run beginning at a marked tree & running near the
river bank thence running by a line of marked
trees to the mouth of the river thence up the river
to Stephen's land thence along the said side of
the river & so on to the river & down the river to
the first station. I also give & bequeath to my
son & daughter Thomas & Mary the following
negroes, viz. old Saml. & all his increase & I trust
will be increased by my son & daughter. Also
Saml. & all his increase & all the stock of horses & cattle he
has had or may have.

I also give to my wife Mary & to her heirs &
to her children & to their heirs & assigns the
plantation beginning at a marked maple in
Kinnagrain branch thence up the said branch
to the head thence by a line of marked trees

to a red oak & a corner tree standing in Thomas Rhodes
clearing, from thence by a line of marked trees to the corner
of a field & thence along the patent line to a red
Horse Bishop's line & across the meeting house path, & from
thence to a red oak at the head of a branch, dividing
the plantation on which I now live from that my ever
beloved son & daughter the branch to a spring & from thence
to the first station; and after my wife's decease I give
& bequeath to my son Thomas & to his heirs & assigns the
above land. I also land unto my wife Mary & to
her heirs & assigns a tract of land lying in the low grounds of
Beane's run beginning at a marked Cypress,
thence running along the main county road to the
little marsh, thence down the said marsh to a
water oak & a marked tree, thence across the creek to
a marked Cypress & thence up the stream to the first
station, & after her decease I give & bequeath the said
lands to my son Thomas & to his heirs & assigns. I also
land unto my wife Mary & to her heirs & assigns the following
negroes, viz. Saml. Charles George & all the said
children, & all the said children & to their heirs & assigns the said
negroes to be equally divided between my four chil-
dren, & namely, Mary & to her heirs & assigns, Thomas & to his
heirs & assigns, & John & to his heirs & assigns. I also give & bequeath
to my wife Mary & to her heirs & assigns my four wheel-
ed carriage, & horses namely, Diamond & Rattle &
my riding mare Flower. I also give & bequeath all my
household furniture, except one feather bed & furni-
ture for each of her four children, which shall be
hereafter named, & two large looking glasses, two
large wall nut tables, & a large buffet which I want
to remain in the house—

I also give & bequeath to my daughter Mary & to her
heirs & assigns the land & plantation & mill I purchased from her
& Arthur Hollowell, containing one hundred &
eighty seven acres more or less; but if my daugh-
ter Mary & to her heirs & assigns should ever content
for any part of the lands I left to my son James

Now full deceased, by a deed of gift; then I give to the above lands to my son Thomas Norfleet & his heirs I also give to my daughter Mary Norfleet the following negroes viz Jerry, Billy, Saml, Anthony, Ruth, Manning, Henry, Nelson, Currell, Selvy, Waring, Sue, Virial & Stephen; also one horse called Prince and one filly called Coll, one horse called the little bay, one feather bed & furniture, & one chest of drawers —

I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rebekah Norfleet, one tract of land in the low grounds of Roanoke which I purchased of the heirs of William Hollenbeck deceased, & one tract of land lying also in the low grounds of Roanoke which I purchased of the heirs of Josiah both deceased, both together containing one hundred & twenty acres, more or less, beginning at a water oak standing on the little marsh, thence across a meadow of land, to the meagrim swamp to a marked by post, thence down the said swamp to William Andrews line, thence along the said Andrews line to the by pond slacks, thence up the slacks to the first station; but if my daughter Rebekah Norfleet, or her heirs should ever contend for any part of the lands I give to my son James Norfleet deceased, as before said, then I give the above lands to my son Thomas Norfleet & his heirs. I also give to my daughter Rebekah Norfleet the following negroes, viz: Senior Hagood & son Charles, Cybrand Sharpe, Lucy Eady, Rachel, Ellen, Annal, Peter, little Lucy, Philip & Ann; also one horse called String, one mare called Kate, one mare called young James, one feather bed & furniture, & one chest of drawers —

I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Norfleet all the lands on the north side of Roanoke river which my father purchased of Benjamin Forman, Richard & John Whitaker, Thomas Williams; & my self of Nicholas Shumier, which I gave to my son James Norfleet deceased, by a deed of gift, I also give him the following negroes, viz: Daniel, Willie,

Henry, Archer, Gray, Old Abel, Cherry, Hannah's son Charles, Jacob & Nancy, also one stud horse named Hawk, one mare called, I had of Heires Bishop, one woman mare, one young horse named Buck, one feather bed & furniture, two large looking glasses, one large buffet, one oval table six leather bottomed chairs, & two turned chairs —

I give & bequeath to my son John Norfleet two hundred & fifty acres of land I purchased of Simon Williams, but by deed of Benjamin Williams, also one hundred & forty acres of land I purchased of Littleberry Abington more or less, two acres excepted which I sold to Willie Leatham with the mill, but if my son John Norfleet or his heirs should ever contend for any part of the lands I gave to my son James Norfleet deceased, by a deed of gift; then I give the land I bought of Littleberry Abington to my son Thomas Norfleet & his heirs; I also give him the following negroes viz: great Harry, Abram, Sanders, Jim, Sheller, Old Hagood, also Rick, Heires, & Doll, also one mare called Phoebe, one horse called Stockings, one mare called young Bighard, one mare called Samel, one horse colt called Jockey, one feather bed & furniture, & two large wash tubs —

I give & bequeath to my granddaughters Lucy Norfleet, Louisa Norfleet, & Nancy Norfleet, one hundred dollars each —

I desire my executor to collect what money is due to me by bonds & notes of out & come to, to pay out my debts & the legacies left to my three granddaughters —

I also desire my executor to give up to my two daughters Mary & Rebekah their part of my estate given them in my will, as soon as he may think most expedient after their marriage, or arriving to the age of eighteen years —

I desire my executor to divide my cattle & sheep equally between my wife & my four children, namely, Mary, Rebekah, Thomas & John Norfleet at his own discretion —

My will and desire is that my body shall be buried
in one of my family & if any should be sold the money to
be applied as my executor thinks best—

I constitute my well beloved son, Heamadus Nor-
fleet the sole executor of this my last will & testament, &
I do hereby utterly disavow all & every other will by me
before made, & ratifying & confirming only this & no
other to be my last will & testament.

I do hereby bequeath & give unto my son, Heamadus Nor-
fleet, that within the day of Epiphany, one thousand seven
hundred & ninety one—

Signed Sealed & acknowledged by the
said Reuben Norfleet as his last will & testament, in the presence of us—

James Scantown Justice Clerk

Abner Bishop

George ^{his} ~~son~~ ^{son} ~~son~~

State of New Hampshire, May Term 1801

Certificate

The last will and testament of
Reuben Norfleet, deceased, was produced in open Court
by the oath of Abner Bishop, one of the subscri-
bing witnesses and ordered to be recorded—

George Gray, Clerk

In the name of God Amen the first day of March
one thousand eight hundred & one I Reuben Norfleet of
New Hampshire in the County of Carleton being very sick and
weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thank God
to God for my calling to mind the mortality of body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do
make and ordain this my last will and testament that is
to say principally and first of all I give and ^{do} commend my
soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body I
recommend to whosoever shall be buried in a decent Christian
burial at the direction of my Executors nothing doubting
but at the great resurrection I shall receive the same
by the almighty power of God and touching such estate
by estate whereunto it has pleased God to bless me in
that I do give and devise the residue of the same in the fol-
lowing manner and to be performed—

I do hereby bequeath my executors to sell and to sell
all my lands & tenements the land whereon I now live
and that all my just debts be paid—

I do hereby bequeath the use of the house plantation & land
whereon I now live with all the rest of my estate to
my beloved wife Mary Norfleet during her natural life
and then to be disposed of as I shall direct and that my
beloved wife Mary shall do her best endeavour to keep and
support my children and take all possible pains to
educate my children—

I do hereby bequeath the land and plantation whereon
I now live after the decease of my beloved wife Mary
unto my two youngest sons Allen & Heamadus Norfleet
and to their heirs and assigns—

I do hereby bequeath all the above named property lent
my beloved wife Mary after her decease to be equally
divided among all my children—

Lastly I make constitute and ordain my beloved
wife Mary Norfleet my executrix and my well beloved
friend Jonathan Jacobs my executor to this my
last will & testament and I hereby utterly disavow
revoke and disannul all other wills before by me

made ratifying and confirming this and no other
to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I
have unto set my hand and seal the day and year
above written

Signed Sealed published } Elisha Ashburn (died)
pronounced and declared }

in the presence of us

B. Nichols

Frederick Lawrence

State of S. Carolina,

Beaufort County,

May Term 1801—

The last will and testament
of Elisha Ashburn deceased was proved in open Court
by the oath of Benjamin Nichols one of the Sub-
scribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded—

George Gray III,

In the name of God Amen January 30th day Anno
Domini One thousand eight hundred and one I J. Adock
Bunch of Beaufort County being sick and weak in body
but of perfect and sound mind thanks be given to
God for it—therefore calling to mind the mortality
of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men
once to die do make and ordain that my last will
and testament that is to say principally and first of
all I recommend my soul into the hands of God
who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth
to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner
at the discretion of my Executor nothing doubting but
at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by
the mighty power of God and as touching such world-
ly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in
this life I give demise and dispose of in sum in the
following manner and form—

In the first place I give unto my sister Mary
my Pritchard my negro woman Fie to her and her
heirs assign forever. I likewise give unto my sister
Mary Bunch my two negro boys named Dora &
T. to her and her heirs & assigns forever and I
likewise give unto Abisha Pritchard my negro boy
Leander to him and his heirs and assigns forever—

I likewise give unto my sister Polly Williams
twenty shillings and all the rest of my estate house-
hold goods and Chattels after paying my debts
to be equally divided between my brother and
sister and lastly I appoint David Pruden to be
my sole executor of this my last will and testa-
ment and I do hereby utter by disannul revoke
and disallow all and every other former will or
testament by me in any wise before made or
made ratifying and confirming this and
none other to be my last will and testament—

Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared
by the said J. Adock Bunch to his last will and
testament in presence of us
J. Adock Bunch (died)
J. Adock Bunch

State of N. Carolina, May Term 1801

Bertie County

George Gray pannelled and sworn
Says the paper introduced is the last will and
testament of Gadock Bunch dec'd and ordered
to be recorded —

George Gray lll

In the name of God Amen I Jeremiah Pearce
of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina
having been hitherto afflicted but at present
possessing my free election, and being of a dispos-
ing mind, do make and ordain this as my last
will and testament, —

Firstly I recommend my soul to
God the author of its being and desire and trust
that my executors shall bury my body in a decent
and Christian manner —

Secondly, I give all my just debts are dischar-
ged I give unto my son William Pearce, one
cow and calf, and my mare —

Thirdly I Give to Sebea Ellison, my plow,
my two wheels or stage and one brace one
and one chest —

Fourthly, I Give to my two sons John and
Henry Ellison my plantation whereon I now
live, for the term of six years and give unto them
all the moveables belonging to the plantation
after the said term is expired —

Fifthly I Give to Rebecca and Mary Pearce
my grandchildren, one dollar each —

I also Give to my son William Pearce,
after the 1st term of six years, my said plan-
tation, and if he should die without lawful

heir of his body then this land to return to John and
Henry Ellison and their heirs forever

Sixthly, I appoint John Pearce and my son Wil-
liam Pearce, my executors, and I do annul all
others whatsoever, and I, also, annul any other former
will or testament by me in any will made, and make
and ordain this as my last will and testament —

Signed Sealed This the fourth of March, eighteen
and declared in hundred and one

the presence of
Jed. B. Stone

Jeremiah Pearce Test

But John Standley

State of N. Carolina, May Term 1801

Bertie County

The last will and testament of
Jeremiah Pearce dec'd was proved in open court
by the oath of Jed. B. Stone one of the subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray lll

In the name of God Amen. I John Johnston of Bertie County being of sound mind and memory (blessed be God) do, this thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord 1801 make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner following that is to say—

First, my will and desire is that so much of my personal estate as can best be spared shall be ^{spared} to pay all my just and lawful debts—

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances one bed and furniture—

Item I lend to my loving wife Ann Johnston all my land and the rest of my personal property during her life—

Item My will and desire further is that after the death of my loving wife my land and all my personal estate not given away shall be sold and divided among all my children giving my daughter Frances Johnston thirty pounds more in the division than any of the rest of my children—

And also by make and obtain my worthy friend Thomas Ryan, Executor of this my last will and testament, In witness whereof I the said John Johnston have to this last will and testament, set my hand and seal the day and year above written—

Test Benj. Williams
Thomas Ryan
witness

John Johnston (Seal)
mark

State of Maryland, May Term 1801
Bertie County)

The last will and testament of John Johnston dec. was proved in open Court by the oath of Benjamin Williams one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I William Gray of Bertie County and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and obtain this to be my last will and testament.

First I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors; my worldly goods I dispose off in the following manner; first I desire that all my just debts be paid—

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Ann Blount, one lot in Windsor N. 125 and five silver dollars also two cows and calves and two ewes and lambs, having already given her a negro girl named Selvy at the day of her marriage to her her heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Elizabeth Ryan one lot in Windsor N. 137 and five silver dollars, also two cows and calves and two ewes and lambs having already given her a negro girl named Esther at the day of her marriage; to her her heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Frances Rorhac one lot in Windsor N. 125 five silver dollars one negro girl named Rachael which I gave her at the day of her marriage, and one negro boy named Ciled to her her heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Jannett Gray one lot in Windsor N. 86 one negro woman named Jude and her two children Selvy and Robin and what increase she may have from this day, one negro boy name Tom, one cow and calf, one ewe and lamb, six mahogany chairs and one bed and furniture, to her her heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Ellen Gray one lot in Windsor N. 11

one negro woman named Hannah and what increase she may have from this day, one negro boy named Little Peter, one mare called young Turner, two cows, and calves, the remainder part of my mahogany chairs, and one bed and furniture, to her her heirs and assigns forever—

Then I give and bequeath unto my dutiful son George Gray my plantation and land called the Millfield being bounded in the following manner beginning at a marked pine his late brother Stearns corner on Leahy's place running along his line to a set oak on the mill pond side, then running along the mill pond side to the main road at the broad branch, then across the branch along the road to a small branch on the west side of the road, then up the branch to the head to a marked white oak, then south sixty five degrees west to a small branch, then down that branch to the side of the broad branch, then along the side of the broad branch westerly to a small branch near the rich neck then a straight line to David Turner's corner in my line then up and along my line to my corner above where Leff lived, then south along my line that divides John Wadsworth's land and my land to John Slade's line then along John Slade's line to the river, then up and along the river side to the first station, One lot in Windsor of 189 one negro man named Dick and one bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Then I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Margaret Gray one lot in Windsor of 189 one negro girl named Bett with what increase she may have from this day one negro woman named Black, my two yearling fillies, two cows and calves two ewes and lambs six maple chairs, one small black walnut table, and one bed and furniture to her, her heirs and assigns forever—

Then I bequeath unto my dutiful daughters

Jamett, Glenora, Margaret and Penelope Gray during their single life the land and plantation wherein I now live with the improvements thereon butted and bounded as follows beginning at the broad branch their brother George Gray's corner at the road, then running up the said branch to the mouth of a small branch, then running up that branch to the fence where it crosses the said branch, then a straight line with that fence to the road that leads from Windsor to the Indian Hook then along that road to the broad branch then down the broad branch the various courses to George Gray's line that meets the broad branch then along his line to the first station and whenever any one of my aforesaid daughters married she is to have no further use of the said land and plantation and so until they are all married or dead and whenever that happens I then give the above said land and plantation to my dutiful son William Gelfing to him and his heirs and assigns forever—

Then I give and bequeath unto my dutiful son William Lee Gray all my lands joining his lands, not heretofore given away one negro man named Big Peter, eighty silver dollars, two cows and calves, two ewes and lambs and one bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever—

Then I give and bequeath unto my dutiful daughter Penelope Gray one negro woman named Linda and her child Charles with what increase she may have from this day, one negro boy named Thomas one sorrel mare called the Doe one other small sorrel mare (at the quarter) two cows and calves, two ewes and lambs and one bed and furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever—

Then My will and desire is that my Executors hereafter mentioned have my dwelling house that I now live in put in tolerable repairs as soon as it can conveniently be done—

Then It is my will and desire that my

Executors thereafter named themselves to get a little to my land on Roanoke river which I bought at Yemans rent and sell the said land for the highest price that can be got for it—

I then devised to my Executors thereafter named, my land in the Unwey's marshes containing two hundred and twelve and one half acres to sell to the best advantage for the following purposes, the money arising from the sale of the aforesaid land with the money arising from the sale of my quarter called Yemans's to be made use of to pay my debts and the remainder if any with all the rest of my Estate not heretofore given away to be equally divided between my before mentioned nine children Shore and Share alike to them and their heirs and assigns forever—

Lastly I nominate and appoint my worthy friend Samuel Johnston Esquire, my nephew William W. Jones, my worthy friend John Pentho and my sons George and William Sulgray Executors to this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Signed Given and Testament } Wm. Gray (LS)
by the said William Gray to
his last will and Testament
in presence of—

William Burlingham

John Clark

State of N. Carolina } August Term 1801
Fertile County }

The last will and testament of William Gray dec'd. was proved in open Court by the oath of William Burlingham and John Clark the two subscribing witnesses

and ordered to be recorded—

George Gray III

My last will and desire is that my dear beloved mother shall have all of my property after all of my just debts are paid first I give unto my dear beloved mother one mare by the name of filly. Secondly I give unto my dear beloved mother twenty four head of hogs and thirty I give unto my dear beloved mother what Mr. Nottingham & Son are in debt to me for six months work and this I do bequeath to be my last will and testament and I do leave my dear beloved mother my Executor

John Pender
Edward Warner

John H. Ray (dec'd)
Mark (dec'd)
July the 10 day 1801 (dec'd)

State of N. Carolina } August Term 1801
Fertile County }

The last will and testament of John Ray dec'd. was proved in open Court by the oath of John Pender one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded—

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I Ephraim Weston of
Bertie County, being in perfect health and a perfect mind
and senses and many thanks be to God for the and
knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die
do make this to be my last will and testament recom-
mending my soul into the hands of God and my body
to the earth to be buried in a decent manner & the
direction of my Executors hereafter named and for
what worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bless
me with in this life I bestow and followeth viz

I give and bequeath unto my son Ephraim Wes-
ton my lower plantation with all the improvements
thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns for-
ever bounded as follows beginning at Coby river
and running as follows North East to the mouth
of the marsh Spring branch and thence up the
said branch to the back line

Item My will is that my wife Elizabeth Weston enjoy
the rest of my estate both both real and personal
during her natural life except one foot bed and
furniture which I give to my daughter Sarah Wes-
ton I will give to my daughter Sarah Weston one
negro boy called Shadrack to him his heirs &c. for ever

Item And after the death of my wife I will send
one room of my house to my daughter Sarah as
long as she live and married.

Item After the death of my beloved wife I give
my plantation whereon I now live to my grand
son Thomas Weston his heirs and assigns
forever but in case he should die without
issue then I give the said plantation to the rest
of John Weston children I leave & bequeath of his
body to them the said and assigns forever —

Item I give to my son John Weston ten Sil-
lings to be paid at the division of my estate and
whereas I have not given my son John Weston
an equal portion of my estate it is my will

I desire that he should enjoy the free use and benefit
of the plantation whereon I now live after the death of
my beloved wife except the room & fire place which I
have lent to my daughter so long as she should live single
Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Ephraim Weston
and John Moore my Executors to this my last will and
testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal fixed my seal this 12 day of August
1799

Sarah Weston
Elizabeth Weston

Ephraim Weston (Seal)

State of Maryland, No. Term 1801
Bertie County

The last will and testament of
Ephraim Weston, decd. was proved in open Court
by the oath of Catherine Weston one of the subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Kray III

In the name of God Amen I John Pittrell of the County of Bertie & State of North Carolina planning being weak in body the imperfect mind & memory thanks be to the Almighty God for it touching my worldly good wherewith it pleases God to bestow me with I dispose of in the following manner—

Firstly I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Pittrell one negro Slave named Rachel & my son-in-law (Bride & Groom) I will twenty dollars one head & steady servants after all my just debts are paid I give & bequeath to my beloved wife all the property that I am in possession of & all that may return to me by the death of any of my relations at any time whatsoever— Lastly I Give to my beloved wife & Standley Pittrell my executor at this my last will & testament utterly disavowing all former wills—

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of Henry Spiller Junr.

Henry Spiller Junr.
Mary Pittrell
mark

John Pittrell (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Nov Term 1801

Bertie County

The last will and testament of John Pittrell decd. was proved in open Court by the oath of Henry Spiller Junr. one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Ill

In the name of God Amen I Nezekiah Harrell in the County of Bertie & State of North being in a weak State of health & of a sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner touching such worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bestow me with I will and bequeath in the following manner and form—

Item I Give and bequeath to my sister Ann Harrell my land and plantation whereon I now live together with all my household estate tho if my sister Ann Harrell should die without lawful issue begotten by her body then my desire is that it should be equal divided between my brothers and sisters and the said Ann Harrell should not make any unreasonable test by giving or mortgaging or any other way by the discretion of my Executor— Item I do appoint my friend James Harrell my executor to my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made & in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of Feby Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and one— Signed Sealed published & pronounced me the said Nezekiah Harrell as my last will & testament in the presence of each of the witnesses

Witness Wm Higgs
Jeremiah Harrell

Nezekiah Harrell (Seal)
mark

State of North Carolina } Nov Term 1801
Bertie County

The last will and testament of Nezekiah Harrell decd. was proved in open Court by the oath of William Higgs one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Ill

In the name of God Amen, I Abraham Taylor of
Bedle County being in perfect mind and disposing
memory, thanks be to God, for it knowing, my time
in this life to be short, I do make and ordain this
my last will and testament, first I recommend my
soul to God that gave it, secondly my body to the
earth, at the discretion of my executors and trusting
such worldly estate wherewith I hath pleased Al-
mighty God to bless me here in this life, I give
devise and dispose of the same in the following
manner and form—

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Ann Taylor, two beds and furniture, one desk one
chest, two tables, one dozen chairs one case and
bottles one heap of all my buffet furniture, one bat-
tron & heaters, two iron pots and hooks, one frying
pan one Dutch oven one skillet one fire large
one fire dogs one fire pot trimmings one candle
stick, one candle mold, one candle box & snuffer
one loom and wheel two spinning wheels & cards,
two rods to two tubs two pots two faggins one
looking glass one gridale, one horse or mare & which
she may choose one side saddle one yoke of ox
cart & wheels, three cows & calves four head of
young cattle three sows & pigs, and ten head of
young hogs, three ewes & lambs & all the rest
stock one half of all my corn & other grain, &
one half of my pork beef & bacon, all of my
flour and cotton, three painted dishes, three brass
and silver plates one dozen spoons I say to her
and her heirs forever—

2^d I send unto my said wife Ann Taylor
during her natural life, my manner plantation,
one third part of house room excepted I further
lent unto my said wife two hundred & seventy five
acres of land I bought of Benjamin Warren,
one negro man named Boof one negro woman
named Cherry I further send unto my said

wife during her widowhood all the land land and
plantation

Carried forward

I bought of Jonathan Thomas & the Swamp land adjoin-
ing all my land on the west side of the great branch—

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Richard Taylor the
plantation & land adjoining thereto that I bought of Tho:
Holladay in Martin County one cow and calf and after
my wife deceased one negro woman named Cherry and
twenty pounds currency I say to him & his heirs forever—
Item I send unto my grandchild David Taylor son of
Richard Taylor dec'd, during his life, the plantation and
land I bought of Amos Hall, and that part of the land
I bought of Mr H. Wynne lying in the fork of the great
swamp branch including the plantation where Mr H. H.
Curnage formerly lived as far as a hickory tree standing
with the plantation thence across the rocky branch inclu-
ding all that part of St Wynnes land on the east side of
the rocky branch & at the St Davids decease if he leaves any
lawful heir begotten of his body then I give that part of
land & premises to him but if St David should die with-
out any lawful heir begotten of his body then I give & be-
queath the aforesaid land & premises to Benjamin
Taylor & George Taylor or the survivor of them, until
the St David Taylor arrives to the years of twenty one,
or married, I give the privilege of St Davids land to
Benjamin Taylor except cutting of any new bore or
clearing any ground or tending any one piece of ground
two years without interruption for the privilege of St
land Benjamin Taylor is to take care of the house and
pay rates for St land, I give to my grandchild
my old hunting gun and black stock—

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin
Taylor one hundred acres of land I bought of
Jonah Freeman and twenty five acres of land
part of the three hundred acres I bought of
Mr Harkins Wynne, adjoining the land formerly
belonged to Matthew Hestabel, Jacob Freeman &

the main road, and one third part of all the house room on my manner plantation, one brandy still & utensils, one mare and Cott half half of all my barn, pork, beef, corn and all other grain ten head of hogs, two cows and calves, and four head of young cattle, two sows & pigs, one feather bed & furniture two walnut tables one chest one bureau, one horse cart & wheels one iron pot, all the coopers tools, one pewter dish, one basin, three pewter plates, salt spoons & after my wife's decease, I give him one negro man named Coz and the plantation to hold and I now live, so as to include two hundred & twenty five acres of land that I bought of Benjⁿ Warren likewise the land and plantation I bought of John Thomas, viz. viz. all the land lying on the west side of the great branch. I lend unto my son Benjamin Taylor during his mother's life, one negro woman named Bett, & I give unto my son Benjamin Taylor three cows & lambs & three young sheep I say to him & his heirs forever.

Item I lend unto my son George Taylor during his natural life, all that land and plantation I bought of Nathaniel East & one hundred acres of land I bought of Benjⁿ Warren joining on the sides of P^r East's land likewise the plantation whereon John Thomas formerly lived with the remainder part of the land, I bought of Mrs W. Wynne, not before given to my Grandson David Taylor & Benjamin Taylor, but if my son George Taylor at his decease should have a lawful heir or heirs he gotten of his body then I give and bequeath the above sent land & premises unto them, but in case he should die without leaving a lawful begotten heir of his body then I give and bequeath the aforesaid sent land & premises to my son Benjamin. I give & bequeath unto my son George Taylor one feather bed & furniture one chest one pewter dish, one basin three pewter plates six spoons one iron pot

one young horse & saddle two cows & calves two ewes & lambs two sows & pigs I say to him & his heirs forever
Carried forward

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Minnie just Sparkman one negro boy named Elisha & one negro girl named Hannah called little hammer I say to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rosebella Witherington one negro woman named Hannah one negro girl named Lucy and thirty pounds currency I say to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Hiddy Fleetwood one bed & furniture one square walnut table one cow & calf I say to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rosebella Fleetwood twenty shillings sterling I say to her & her heirs forever.

All my unmentioned property is to be divided between my wife & first children, after paying my debts and Grand daughter (viz) Ann Taylor, Richard Taylor, Benjⁿ Taylor, George Taylor, Minnie just Sparkman, Epibella Witherington, Hiddy Fleetwood. After my wife's decease the negro woman Bett is to be sold & equally divided between my first children & Grandchild Hiddy Fleetwood. Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Ann Taylor & my two sons Richard Taylor & Benjⁿ Taylor & my brother David Taylor executors to this my last will & testament & I do hereby disavow disannul & revoke all & every other will or wills legal or bequests that I have in any case before made by me that I give & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament in witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hands and seal this 7 day November 1804 at the place before executed.

Signed sealed & delivered
in the presence of us

Abraham Taylor

Morgan Outlaw

Wright Outlaw

Lavinia W.

State of Maryland, Feb. Term 1802.

Baltimore County

The last will and testament of Abraham Taylor dec'd was proved in open court by the oath of Morgan Cutlaw and Wright Cutlaw two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray clk

In the name of God Amen January 14th 1797
I George Hughes of Baltimore County being in perfect
and sound mind and memory do make and
ordain that my last will and testament that is to
say I do give and bequeath of all I recommend my
body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a
decent and Christian like manner at the discretion
of my executors nothing doubting but at the Gen-
eral resurrection I shall receive the same by the
mighty power of God and trusting such
will be the lot of all that shall please God to bless
in the life to come I do demise and dispose
of the same in the following manner and form
I give and bequeath unto my son
Daniel Hughes my manner of plantation and all
my land to my son Solomon line to him the
said Daniel Hughes his heirs and assigns forever
I do also bequeath to my son George Hu-
ghes all my household goods and chattels except
one feather bed and one bolster
I do also bequeath to my daugh-
ter Mary Cutlaw one feather bed and one bolster
already in her possession
I do also bequeath to my son Solomon

Hughes one hundred and twenty five acres of land
on which he lives more or less to him the said Solomon
Hughes to him the said Solomon Hughes his heirs and
assigns forever

Also I do give unto Mary my beloved wife my man-
ner plantation and all my household goods and
chattels during her widowhood and then to belong
to my son George as above said

Lastly I constitute and appoint my two sons
Daniel Hughes and George Hughes my sole executors
of this my last will and testament ratifying and
confirming this and none other to be my last will
and testament

George Hughes

Signed Sealed Published and
by the said George Hughes as his last
will and testament in presence of

Spurkman Stone

Thos Pritchard

William ^{his} Todd
(mark)

State of Maryland, Feb. Term 1802

Baltimore County

The last will and testament
of George Hughes dec'd was proved in open
court by the oath of Abraham Pritchard one
of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to
be recorded.

George Gray clk

In the name of God Amen I Mathias Willey
of Halifax County and State of North Carolina being
of sound mind and disposing memory do make
and ordain this my last will and testament in
manner & form following, viz Whereas I believe
my wife Sally Willey to be with child it is my will
and desire that my st wife have and enjoy the
use of the following part of my estate until st
child become of lawful age or be married to
wit my two negroes Deb & Janny two feather
beds and furniture one desk one Bedlin one
blue chest one folding cabinet table one pot &
one dish cover after which time provided my
st wife & child both live it is my will and desire
that the whole together with use the rest of my
estate be it of what nature or kind to come be
equally divided between them to them & their
heirs forever & how the child of either my wife or
child should die before such time it is my will
the survivors be it which it may have the whole
of my estate but further provided both should
die before such time it is then my will that the
whole of my estate be equally divided between
my two sisters viz Elizabeth Griffiths Anne Ra-
chel Parker and my wife two sisters Sally &
Marriott Wadston to them and their heirs for-
ever & again it is my will that the rest of my
estate not particularly mentioned be sold by
my Executor the money arising from which
with use that is to say may be due to me together
with my ready money be laid out in land by
my executor which I approve and give without
variation in the manner above written—
Lastly I appoint my wife Sally Willey and
my friend Henry Joyner Executor to this
my last true will and testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affix'd my seal this second day of Sept:

1801—

Test

Amastin Vaughan

Polley ^{his} ~~mark~~ ^{mark} ~~mark~~Sally ^{his} ~~mark~~ ^{mark} ~~mark~~

Mathias Willey (Seal)

State of North Carolina, July Term 1802

Halifax County

The last will and testament of
Mathias Willey dec'd was proved in open Court
by the oath of Amastin Vaughan one of the Sub-
scribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray Clk

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Shomard of Halifax County & State
of North Carolina being very sick in body free of perfect mind & memory do
make & ordain this my last will & testament.

First my will & desire is that all my just debts be paid & for that purpose to
sell all my Captains & Joiners tools the log of Cove that may be mine the
year one half of my stock of Cattle viz. They may long long have my
young boy whom I bought of my son Samuel Shomard.

Secondly I have unto my wife Butchela Shomard during her natural life all
the remainder of my estate.

Thirdly After the death of my wife Butchela Shomard I give & bequeath all
my estate that is after my just debts are paid to be equally divided
among all my children.

Fourthly I constitute make & ordain my son James Shomard my friend
Joseph White & James Shomard Executors to this my last will & testa-
ment & do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all & every other will
testament or by me before made ratifying & confirming this one to be my
last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred & ninety seven

Signed sealed & acknowledged

Thos Shomard (Seal)

In the presence of us

Allen Vernon

Sally Shomard

Jas. Shomard

Stat. of So Carolina } Feb'y Ann 1802

Berlin County. The last will and Testament of Thomas
Shaw, late deceased, was found in open Court by the order of James Shaw
one of the subscribing witnesses and is now to be recorded.

Yang Yang all

In the name of God Amen I John Ball of Butler County South
Carolina being sick & weak in body free of perfect mind and
memory make and ordain this my last will and Testament.

Impassioned with full conviction I surrender my spiritual part to my
Heavenly Father in His name to dispose of it as He deems most
wise & proper.

Then I lent to my beloved wife Polly Hill during her lifetime the following tract of land for the plantation where I now live called Winnons Hill as described in my Father's last will with the house & the appurtenances. Thence being my wife my part of a plantation lying on the river called by the name of the great quarter bounded to me in my Father's last will with all the conveniences thence being my wife another tract of land lying in Halcyon bounded on the east ground beginning at a forked maple tree to Hill & my own running and as line to the corner by mass on the pond then to say you then down the gut to the river then up the corner of the same to the first station.

Now I give the year out to my beloved wife Polly Hill the following
 negroes, Joseph, Harry, Ben, Harry, Nephew, young Rose & her child
 Sam, Lewis, Ben, child Lewis, Mary, Mary, Ben, Ben, child John
 with Ben's little girl's library & her child Harry to have to have their
 other names from Lewis & give to my beloved wife Polly Hill
 Lewis worth horses and on the way also, one man called the top
 and one and her costs except the dead don't feel the heat of
 cows and the day with the year Lewis the costs Lewis says and says all
 my stock of sheep and cow feeds & plantation utensils sufficient for
 one year, likewise a carriage, span of horses not to exceed three hun-
 dred dollars, likewise it is my desire that eight hundred dollars be
 laid out in furniture. Then further I lend to my wife during her life
 the furniture in the house with the house. Likewise I give to my beloved
 wife my riding chair and harness.

Ann Eliza bequeath to my nephew Joseph Will And., two negro

boy, Vis. John & Epus.

Dear John to my dear Eminent Anthony our negro girl named little Abby has
been increased from.

Am I free to say that Elizabeth Anthony was a very fine called Perry to her
the same person.

Am I to my dear Mother Anthony, on Aug. 14th called a Tuesday to see
 Anthony's Room.

Am I to say, in *Stenella Anthracina* on sugar food call a fish to two
the two former.

Then I give to John Hill Pugh son to Mr Pugh one more call on the same date
filling the same form.

Then 24th to March 13th, with Grant's Brigade & then Franklin a few days of March
1862 for City Point -

The 2nd day I agreed to my cousin William Page son to Mr Page on each on
part of land part of the tract my father purchased of Walter Pollard
from by the name of the Thompson fire engineering, and
William Williams and my kin running up the stream to the town
between the other field from there across the road to the field called the
Orchard field there along the orchard field to the line that divides in
Horse Run along the line to the junction to the corner there along
the line between Mr & Mr Williams to the first station to leave and to
be by him his line forever between I go to my cousin Mr Page the
following agrees well then, Ben his wife, little Ben, Bowers mine to
him and his forever.

Mrs. G. & I began to say some strange things one likely, how little
 David loved

I am going with to Mrs Elizabeth Anthony on tract or piece of
 land lying in Berlin County it being a part of the land granted
 bounded as follows, beginning in my back line on the Swamp then the
 line of said tract for 40 on the line to running along the Swamp between
 the Abington field and Wood field thence along the Swamp to the end of
 fence thence to a corner station that divides on from Thomas Fells field
 along the - between on the Sunnyside to the first station to his other line fence
 to the profit running for on the above land I give to my beloved brother
 Thomas B. Hill until my dear Elizabeth Anthony deceases! but if she
 should not marry then it is my desire that my Brother Thomas B.
 Hill shall have the profit of the above land as long as my sister
 Elizabeth Anthony lives -

Then I give obligent to my beloved brother Thomas B. Hill all my property both real & personal that is not herein mentioned in this my last will to him and his heirs forever it is likewise my desire that my brother pay all my just debts.

Then I give obligent to my beloved brother Thomas B. Hill all the land & personal property that I have due to my beloved wife Polly Hill at her death to him and his heirs forever.

Item if my beloved wife should have a child begotten by me then at the age of sixteen or there my last will shall be void, except that what I have to my beloved wife Polly Hill then all my property both real & personal I give and bequeath to my child or his heirs forever: but if my child before it comes to the age of sixteen or has lawful issue then I confirm this my last will all intending done before signing I do hereby appoint my trusty friend Samuel Johnston being my beloved brother Thomas B. Hill and Joseph Bryant Senior Executors to this my will and testament hereby revoking & disannulling all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of December in the year of our Lord 1801

John Hill *Test*

Signed Sealed published & declared
to be my last will & testament in
the presence of me
Jas. P. Marshall
John Blaffer
Amold Wilcox

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left out
in the 1st & 2^d line the word his
left out.

State of N. Carolina Feb. Dec. 1802
Before me the Notary Public
John Hill and was found in open Court by the oath of James
P. Marshall of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.
George Gray, Clk

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Maas of North Carolina being in a low state of health but perfect mind & memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life & knowing it is appointed for all men to die do make & constitute this my last will & testament in the manner & form following, that is to say first & principally I recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, hereafter named and as touching my worldly goods I give & dispose of in the manner following. My pious my will & desire is that my funeral charges together with all my just debts be first paid & discharged.

Item I lend unto my son Abraham Maas the land & plantation whereon I formerly lived and the land & plantation whereon Benjamin Williams now lives part of which I bought of my brother William Maas it being the land given by my grand father Joseph Jordan in a deed of gift to my father & mother as also 1/2 of a parcel of land I bought of my brother William Maas formerly the property of Thomas Maas & forming the above land as also my wife's mill with all the improvement thereunto belonging, & also land unto my son Abraham Maas the person Maas estate lying on Roanoke River below the ferry landing it being part of the land I bought at the sale of John Rogers further more my will & desire is that my son Abraham Maas shall pay to his brother William Maas the sum of five hundred dollars in the manner as is hereafter mentioned & in case my said son should marry and have children or child that may survive him or he my said son may live to the age of twenty one years then & in that case I give & bequeath all the above said lands together with all the improvements thereunto belonging to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item I lend unto my son William Maas my land &

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Item I lend unto my son William Maas my land &

plantation coherent & adjacent and the land I bought at the sale of the said plantation with all the improvements to them belonging to be sold unto my son William. Also my herring fishing and all my land lying on the south side of Broad river with the improvements & stocks thereunto belonging. Furthermore my will & desire is that in case my son William should marry & have children or child that shall survive him or her my son shall live to the age of twenty one years then I give & bequeath unto my son William & his heirs all the above land and fishing with the stocks & improvements thereunto belonging to him his heirs & assigns forever —

I also I give & bequeath unto my two sisters Margaret & Frances & their heirs my black mare called the may & one feather bed & furniture to each one & my two riding chairs to them their heirs & assigns forever. Furthermore my will & desire is that should it so happen that by default of my heirs or whatsoever there should be a vacancy for the sale of the land coherent & formerly land thereof being empowered my Executors hereafter named to buy the said land and to pay for it out of the money arising from the sale of the perishable part of my estate and that it be for the benefit of my son William. I have repeat'd the true intent & meaning of the foregoing will. Furthermore my will & desire is that my son Abraham shall pay to my son William the sum of five hundred dollars in the following manner (viz) one hundred dollars at the end of the first year after he comes in possession of the land coherent Benjamin Williams now lives & two hundred dollars at the end of the second year & two hundred dollars at the expiration of the third year and I do hereby giving in power my Executors hereafter named to sell or dispose of any part of the perishable part of my estate whether at private or public sale which they may think best for the benefit of my estate as also the same power to sell such of my negroes as they may think most advantage

& benefit of my estate either at private or public sale and my desire is that my Executors may rent out my land and hire out my negroes or if they think best to keep them on my lands and hire a man to look after them which ever they may judge will be most for the advantage of my estate — And my desire is that my Executors shall have full power & authority to buy either land or negroes with the money arising from the sale of my negroes which they may sell together with the profits arising from my estate of every kind after maintaining & educating my two sons and what money he is not converted to the use as above said shall be put out at lawful interest & as soon as my son Abraham comes to the age of twenty one years he shall lawfully may receive the one half part of the principal & interest arising therefrom together with the one half part of the land & negroes that may be bought by my Executors to share & to share with my son Abraham to have his first choice of the land my Executors may buy after a division of the whole of my negroes that I now own (except such as my Executors may think proper to sell) shall be divided in like manner and the other one half to be maintained the hands of my Executors until my son William comes to the age of twenty one years when he shall lawfully may draw & receive all his part of my estate but in case either of my sons should die before they come to the age of twenty one years I do hereby empower my Executors to give him of as much of my estate which is collect for himself as they may think proper —

I also my will & desire is that my land in Stratton County shall be sold for a credit of six months & two separate notes taken of equal sums one of the notes payable to the heirs of Dr. W. Warhenton & the other for the benefit of his estate the other payable to and for the benefit of my estate —

I also my will & desire is that in case both of my two sons should die before they or either of them

Came to the age of twenty one years unmarried & learning no lawful issue then and in that case I give and bequeath all my lands to my brother William Meers he and my son brother paying to each one of my two sisters Margaret & Frances Meers the sum of five hundred dollars and then I stay to him his heirs & assigns forever and my negroes with the residue of my estate to be equally divided to & among my three sisters Margaret Meers Mary Spry & Frances Meers to share and to share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever—

I am my wife & desired the help of each of my two sons should die before the arrival to the age of twenty one years and learning no lawful issue then I send unto his surviving brother to wit I have already lent him in manner and form as above said Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my worthy friend Aaron Spry and my brother William Meers Executors to this my last will & testament and I do revoke and make void all former and other wills & testaments by me heretofore made declaring this and no other to be my last will & testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord 1801—

Signed sealed published to be Samuel Meers (Seal)
his last will & testament in presence of
us—

Benjⁿ Folskes
Solomⁿ Pittell

My will and desire is further that my executors above mentioned may have full power & authority to keep my debts running or sell them which ever they may think most to the advantage of my estate that is only to keep them running this summer the above addition was made and the words unpropounded of the part I have lent him was added but before signing in the presence of us—

Signed sealed & witnessed as above

Test Benjⁿ Folskes
Solomⁿ Pittell

Samuel Meers (Seal)

My will and desire is that my executors shall have full power and authority to sell the land I purchased of Be-
lots since my signing the former part of this my will if they should find it necessary or most advantage to my estate—Signed sealed and acknowledged to be a part of my will in the presence of us

Witness

Sam^l Meers (Seal)

Jos^{ph} Jordan
Benjⁿ Folskes

State of N^o Carolina } Feb^y Term 1802
Berlin County }

The last will and testament of
Samuel Meers dec^d with the Codicils annexed
was proved in open Court by the oath of Benjamin
Folskes one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered
to be recorded—

George Brong Clk

In the name of our Amen This nineteenth day of February in the second
year of our said John Bentons of Berlin County in the state of North
Carolina being my said son in law by of perfect mind and mem-
ory thanks be given to God for the same therefore calling unto mind the
mortality of my body and knowing that I am appointed for all men
one to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that
it be my friends and friends of all I give and recommend my soul into
the hands of God that gave it unto me and my body I recommend
to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the direction
of my executors nothing doubting but as the blessed resurrection
I shall receive the same in the mighty power of God and as
trusting with my by which whomever I have hereunto set my
will in this I give and devise and dispose of the same as followeth

ing manner and form

Mrs. Eliza and I went to my darling son Jerry Bentley on Friday
 of last week of my sorrow and soon following that is to say he
 grew in San Francisco and then off to the West of a child then
 down the dock to the Sandy beach the down the bridge to the
 Canyon then along the bank into the plantation so along the
 same bank to the point that leads from the house to the river then down
 the point to the bottom then across the sand bottom nearly a mile ~~over~~
 to the river soon to land all all below to my dear Jerry the same I
 give to him and his dear wife a glass of wine

Then I send unto my well known wife Mary Beahm, all my land and names who as follows to and begins in Lot Smallwood land at the same place where my son John begins there running up the swamp to the river then down the river to my brother's land then along her line to the beginning the same land with all frontage I send unto my wife Mary during her natural life then I give the said land unto my son John Beahm to him and his heirs and assigns forever and in case my son John should die without issue then I leave the same to be equally divided between all my children I send by my last wife.

Then I gave some my Money on horse shoal and banded horse
 money by the reason of fact on horse and calf one pair and
 gave one pair and furnished the chow all so a sufficient money of
 provision for all the family for one year unless my well and dis-
 ease is that all the residue of my estate be sold and largely
 it was before I was all my children baptizing and John
 to them and gave Jonathan I gave all my copper tools turn-
 to it and the most tools also I considered make and obtain my
 lower ground New Haven. William later my execution of this my
 last will and testament revoking all other former wills and
 testament and Ex^{ts} by me or any one before mentioned satisfying
 and conveying true and the whole to be my last will and testament
 to be witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
 day and date above written.

Signed and sealed in presence of }
in the presence of us }

John Williams
Schoolmaster + B. D. Dwyer

John Bentley (Seal)

State of Caroline } May Term 1802
Bertie County }

The last will and testament of John Bentley died was found to give come by the aunt of John Williams one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be proved

Young Gray all

Burke County } In the name of God amen I do solemnly swear
 State } I shall conforma being want of body, but of sound
 North Carolina } And perfect understanding do make consistent and
 ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following —
 I give I give my body to the earth where is now taken in full possession
 of its resurrection as the last day as to any worldly goods which I have
 I leave you to help me with, I dispose of as follows and in following —
 that I & my will and claim that all my first dear shall be for the my
 be given him after manner —

[illegible]

Then I find some very small bones of *Megaceros* Antlers showing, the remains
of the vegetation which I grow here (seedlings of the Pine and Spruce) and on the east of road called Turn Point containing them hundreds
of feet more or less to be seen and to hold said land during the natural life —

Lastly I constitute and appoint my two friends Lewis Austaw and Timothy Miller my sole and sole Executors to this my last will and Testament touching and concerning all and every other matter which hereunto and hereunto by me touching this to be my last will and Testament -

Solomon Miller *End*

Signa Sentia and Delivered

in the presence of

John Allen
for
James B. Boye
and
Tim. Miller

State of N. Carolina, May Term 1808

Before me, I the last will and testament of Solomon Miller died at a former in open court by the will of justat Boye one of the subscribing witnesses and sworn to be true.

George Gray *clerk*

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Collins of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God for the same knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I am moved by a weight of years that my exit cannot be very remote to make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. First I recommend my soul to him mighty God and direct my body to be buried in decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors, not to the worldly goods with which I am blessed I dispose of them in manner following I Give & bequeath to my beloved wife all the property that I got by her to her and her heirs forever -

I also give her one year provision of corn and meat - I also leave to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood all my houses where I now live also the orchard with a slight fence for Geo. West land to Andrew Birdles just taking in the orchard - I also leave to her during her natural life or widowhood 2 cows & calves & 2 sows and pigs one riching creature all that I have lent to my beloved wife in this last will and Testament I turn over

I Give and bequeath to my son Bennett Collins after the natural death or marriage of my wife to him and his heirs forever

I Give I Give and bequeath to my son Daniel Collins my daughter Ann Wilson my sons Jacob Collins Jerry Collins, Willby Collins Henry Collins each a negro I bid my wife that the six negroes shall be drawn for by the above mentioned children the negroes names are Pembury Bato Antia Cyrua Sussey Pige

I Give I Give and bequeath to my son Henry one bed & furniture of a good kind and Red Buck and my new pattern some of them -

I Give I Give and bequeath to my son Willby

my all plantation in the pine woods—

I then I send to Jonas Burnside and Elizabeth his wife that part of the plantation where they now live during their natural lives and at their death it is to go to my son Jesse to him and his heirs forever—

I then I send and bequeath to my son Jesse all my Negroes land except the part that I have sent, also one bed and furniture two cows and calves my stock of hogs &c. & Jesse and some few more—

I then I send and bequeath to my son Bennett his wife and negroes called Phoebe to him and his heirs forever and the plantation where I now live—

I then I send and bequeath to my son Bennett to him and his heirs forever three hundred and six acres of land with buildings and some beds and furniture some few more—

Also it is my will and desire that Simon & Eliza & Mary & Harriet should be sold at publick Sale the money arising from them shall be equally divided amongst all my children—

I send all the remaining part of my property that I have not given away consisting of 400 acres bonds notes or accounts after my just debt is paid out of the same I send and bequeath to my son Bennett to him and his heirs forever—

Lastly I do declare and appoint my two friends Humphrey Hardy & Geo. West my executor to this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have sett my hand and seal this 2d June 1799

Simon David & Elizabeth
in presence of
Jonas Burnside
James Bladen and
William Johnston

Joseph & Collins
mark

State of North Carolina } May Term 1802
Beck County }

The last will and Testament of Joseph Collins dead was proved in open Court by the oath of James Page more & William Johnston two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded—

George Selby 121

In the name of God Amen I David Ryan of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina being weak and sickly but of sound mind and disposing mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and Testament revoking all others heretofore by me made—

I first I send and bequeath unto my dear and affectionate wife Mary Eliza Ryan the following negroes viz. Hester Jack Ned Sarah Minny Jenny and Patience reserving one half of the income of these goods within for my son John B. Ryan until he arrives at the age of twenty one year unto him and his heirs forever and also one half of the income of all my estate until my son John B. Ryan comes to the age of twenty one year and that my desire is that she should have the use of the house wherein I now live and one third part of the land forming the S. house during her natural life and should I die leaving no other child and my son John B. Ryan should be before he arrives at the age of twenty one year it is my will and desire that she should have all the profits arising from the whole of my estate during her natural life to her and her heirs forever and also the house and third part of the land already mentioned to her

and her heirs forever—

Now It is my will and desire if I should die leaving no other child but my son John B. Ryan that he should have all the remainder of my estate and in case I should have or do more children that my estate should be equally divided amongst them when my son John B. Ryan comes at the age of twenty one years and by the house household the other part of the estate my wife Mary B. Ryan to have and her heirs forever and it is my will and desire that the forty and the part of the plantation may be rented or leased as she may think best for the benefit of herself & my child or children—

Lastly I do by these presents nominate and appoint my dear and loving wife Elizabeth to be my last will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of November Anno Domini 1800—

David Ryan *Test*

State of N. Carolina

Beth County

Augst Term 1802.

The last will and Testament of David Ryan deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of Jonathan Jacobs and Thomas Worley who swore that the instrument of writing introduced into Court purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said deceased was in the testator's own hand writing and that they were well acquainted with it— Ordered to be recorded

George Gray *Clk*

In the name of God amen, this eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, I James Reason of Beth County, in the State of North Carolina being very sick and near in being thus of poor feeble mind and memory thanks be to almighty God for the same calling me to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in that I do say, formally and first of all, I recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner as the desires of my Executors and a touching and modest estate not fit and how to help me well, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, to wit, That is to say after paying all my just debts that all the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my two children, the James Reason and Elizabeth Reason and each part of my estate as my Executors shall think proper to be sold and the money put on Interest—

And lastly I make constitute ordain and appoint Thomas Reason my sole executor to this my last will and Testament revoking all other wills before by me made and confirming none other but this to be my last will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year above written—

Signed sealed published and pronounced and delivered by the Testator to be his last will and Testament

In the presence of us the subscribing

Witnesses

James Reason

James Reason

James Reason *Test*

State of N. Carolina } Augst Term 1802

Beth County

The last will and Testament of James Reason deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of John Reason one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded—

George Gray *Clk*

Beth County

In the name of God amen I James Reason being very sick and near in being thus of poor feeble mind and memory thanks be to almighty God calling me to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain

this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and
 first of all I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of the
 Almighty God that gave it and my body I commend to the earth
 to be buried in a Christian decent burial —

I leave unto my dear and well beloved mother Ann White Green on
 my soul named Doves, during her life and also I leave all
 my part of the negro belonging unto me in the Legitim amongst
 her and after and bequeath the said negro named Doves and
 my part of the negro all unto my dear and well beloved John
 Green and Hannah Green to be equally divided between
 them Ann and Hannah Green to them the two lawfully together
 of this body of mine of my son Ann and well beloved Doves as
 do without or law lawfully together of them having the whole
 I give to them one of the negro and well beloved Doves
 and I give and bequeath unto my dear and well beloved
 John Green and Hannah Green what is all I give him of my
 property the remainder of my property I give bequeath unto
 my dear and well beloved mother during her life and after
 her death the remainder of it to be equally divided between
 my son John Green and Hannah Green as when mentioned
 my wife and dear is that Thomas Spiller & Abraham Jackson
 Executors I Edw. H. H. and children the to be my last will
 and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this the 10 day of April 1800 as is intended before said
 Witnesses
 John Green
 Hannah Green
 Thomas Spiller
 Abraham Jackson
 Executors

State of N. Carolina } Augth Term 1800

Bates County

The last will and Testament of
 John Green died was proved in open Court by the oath of John
 Green one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded —

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I William Benson of the State
 of North Carolina County of Bates being much of body
 but of sound mind and perfect memory thanks be to God

for the same, — Do hereby make this instrument of writing to be my last
 will and Testament, in manner form as follows — First, I leave
 unto my beloved wife Ann Benson my two Lots Noth eighty eight, and
 eighty nine in the Town of Windsor, with all the houses and appurtenances
 thereto, during her natural life — Secondly It is my will and pleasure
 that after ^{the} my first debts are paid, that my household furniture
 be equally divided between my wife Ann Benson and my daughter
 Elizabeth Benson Thirdly after my death of my wife Ann Benson
 I will bequeath the aforesaid Lot Noth eighty eight and eighty nine
 in the aforesaid Town of Windsor with all the appurtenances thereto
 to my daughter Elizabeth Benson, her heirs and assigns forever —
 Fourthly I will and bequeath to my son William H. Benson my
 Lot in said Town of Windsor Noth Thirty four — to him his heirs and assigns
 forever — Fifthly It is my will and pleasure in case my daughter Elizabeth
 Benson dies without heirs, that the aforesaid lot and appurtenances
 shall go to my son William H. Benson his heirs and assigns
 forever — And for the due Execution of this my last will and Testament
 I do hereby appoint my friends Mr. James Green, Mr. Henry Green
 for or his Successor in office — Having made a sound and deliberate
 mind instrument of writing, to be my last will and Testament, I hereby
 revoke and disannul all other wills by me made heretofore — made this
 Twelfth of January one thousand eight hundred —

Signed in presence of

Wm. Benson

John Brown

Wm. H. H.

State of N. Carolina } Augth Term 1800

Bates County

The last will and Testament of William
 Benson died was proved in open Court by the oath of John Brown
 one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray III

In the name of God Amen I James Green of Bates County in the State
 of North Carolina being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind
 and sound memory thanks be to God the for calling, sent me
 the Rev. Mr. Gray to my house knowing that it is appointed for

all ever one to do do make suppose this to be my last will & testament in manner form as follows to wit.
I give bequeath my soul to God & my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my executors in this will afterwards to be named not doubting but I shall receive the same again at the last day by the Almighty power of God & as for my worldly estate I give & dispose of the same in the following manner To wit

I give bequeath to my well beloved wife Ann Sorrel all my lands & plantations and all my stock of horses cattle sheep and hogs with all & singular my estate of every kind & when ever it may be found for & during the term or term of her natural life but after her death my will & desire is that the same be divided & disposed of in the following manner (to wit)

I give bequeath to my son Thomas Sorrel my plantation & other lands & tenements belonging whereon my mother formerly lived to have her house & assign forever

I give & bequeath to my loving son John Sorrel my lands and plantations that I purchased of James Asher with the lands that I purchased of the Executors of James Laidlaw deceased to have her house assign forever

I give bequeath to my loving daughter Janny Sorrel my lot or lot or to her her house & assign forever My will & desire is that my manner plantation whereon I now live be divided that I bought of Henry Dine with the lands appertaining to my manner plantation belonging be after my wife Ann Sorrel death equally divided between my two loving daughters Janny Sorrel & Melly Sorrel but my ~~my~~ daughter Melly Sorrel to have that half of said land whereon my dwelling house now stands & I give bequeath the same to them & each of them their heirs & assigns forever

I give bequeath to my loving son Thomas Sorrel one feather bed & furniture to be with the lands before given to him in this will & desired to him when he comes to be of the age when he is brought full age of twenty one years to have the said Thomas Sorrel his heirs & assigns forever anything in this will before to the contrary notwithstanding

I give bequeath to my well beloved wife Ann Sorrel all &

singular my personal estate of every kind & otherwise it may be found that is not before mentioned in this will consisting of one negro man named Janny one negro girl named Henry & one negro woman named Delly my stock of horses cattle sheep hogs household & other furniture with all & singular my estate of every kind that is not before mentioned in this will to her the said Ann Sorrel her heirs & assigns forever any thing in this will before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding & I make & ordain my trusts friends Henry Smith & Nathl McFarlan Executors of this my last will & testament & I allow by me to be done & to allow every other will before by me before made will or bequeath & assign & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 23rd day of July 1800

I give bequeath & assign forever & desired by the said James Sorrel to be his last will & testament in

presence of
James Sorrel
Charles & David
Shelton Pitts his
James & Margaret

James Sorrel (Seal)

State of So. Carolina } Augt Term 1800
Bute County

The last will and testament of James Sorrel deceased was found as open came by the oath of James Sorrel & others that two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

George Gray cler